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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to transmit the text of the letter of resignation from the French Minister of Defence, Mr. Jean-Pierre Chevènement, as published by the French newspaper Le Figaro in issue No. 14443 of 30 January 1991, and requests the Secretariat to have this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Annex

[Original: French]

Letter of Resignation

"Mr. President,

"A certain conception of the Republic has led me to request you to release me from the duties which I had the honour to be entrusted with by you.

"It seems to me that the basic reasons which I explained to you at the beginning of December have been borne out in all their force by events today. I would add that the logic of war may lead us every day farther from the objectives laid down by the United Nations.

"Kindly be assured, Mr. President, of my high esteem and loyal sentiments."
